

## RULEMAKING NOTICE FORM

Notice Number _____	Rule Number _____	Env-A 3800
1. Agency Name & Address:  Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095	2. RSA Authority: RSA 125-L:3 3. Federal Authority: _____ 4. Type of Action: Adoption _____ Amendment _____ Repeal _____ Readoption _____ Readoption w/amendment <b>X</b>	
5. Short Title: Voluntary Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reductions Registry		

6. (a) Summary of what the rule says and the effect of the rule on those regulated:

The existing rules, Env-A 3800, implement RSA 125-L, Voluntary Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Reductions Registry. The rules were adopted prior to the statute being amended to authorize and encourage New Hampshire to cooperate with the Eastern Climate Registry to develop a broader multi-state registry for voluntary greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions. Since the statute was amended, the Eastern Climate Registry was replaced with The Climate Registry, the nonprofit organization created to establish consistent, transparent standards throughout North America for businesses and governments to calculate, verify and publicly report their carbon footprints in a single, unified registry. The proposed amendments are designed to incorporate the requirements of The Climate Registry.

6. (b) Brief description of the groups affected:

The rules affect only those entities that choose to develop a greenhouse gas inventory and have it recognized by The Climate Registry. The Climate Registry is primary intended for use by private companies. However, it can be used by other types of organizations, such as educational institutions, cities and towns, and state governments.

6. (c) Specific section or sections of state statute or federal statute or regulation which the rule is intended to implement:

Rule Section(s)	State Statute(s) Implemented
Env-A 3801	RSA 125-L:2; RSA 125-L:3, V
Env-A 3802	RSA 125-L:1; RSA 125-L:3
Env-A 3803	RSA 125-L:2; RSA 125-L:3, I, II & IV
Env-A 3804	RSA 125-L:3, II & III
Env-A 3805	RSA 125-L:3, III

7. Contact person for copies and questions including requests to accommodate persons with disabilities:

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8. Deadline for submission of materials in writing or, if practicable for the agency, in the electronic format specified: **Monday, March 2, 2009**

☒ Fax

☒ E-mail

☐ Other format (specify):

9. Public hearing scheduled for:

Date and Time: **Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 9:30 a.m.**

Place: **Rooms 110-111, DES offices, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord**

10. Fiscal Impact Statement (Prepared by Legislative Budget Assistant)

FIS # 08-280 , dated 12/31/08

See Attached.

11. Statement Relative to Part I, Article 28-a of the N.H. Constitution:

The proposed rules do not create, expand, or modify any program or responsibility in such a way as to necessitate additional local expenditures by political subdivisions. The rules thus do not violate Part I, Article 28-a of the New Hampshire Constitution.